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SUBJECT ANTI-ARMOR BRIEFING FOR APRIL 1977 MEETING OF CNAD

REF A. USNATO 0822 DTG 141915Z FEB 77; B. STATE 038554
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1. ON MARCH 8. 1977, REPRESENTATIVES OF MARTIN MARIETTA AEROSPACE, ORLANDO DIVISION, BRIEFED INTERESTED US ONLY AT NATO HQ ON THEIR "ANTI-ARMOR SYSTEMS PROGRAM REVIEW STUDY." THE STUDY WAS PERFORMED FOR THE US ARMY TRAINING AND DOCTRINE COMMAND (TRADOC) AND COMPLETED ON 1 MAY 1976 UNDER DA CONTRACT DAAG 39-76-C-0072. THE BRIEFING WAS INFORMATIVE, THOUGHT PROVOKING, AND WELL RECEIVED.

2. FOLLOWING THE BRIEFING, ASYG(DS) LABERGE, WHO ALSO ATTENDED, QUERIED US ON THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING THE BRIEFING CONDENSED TO TWENTY MINUTES AND PRESENTED AT THE APRIL CNAD. HE WAS FAVORABLE IMPRESSED BY THE PRE-SENTATION AND IS SEARCHING FOR MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE TO USE UNDER CNAD AGENDA ITEM IX(A) "ANTI-AMOR WARFARE CONFIDENTIAL

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IN THE POST-1980 TIME FRAME." WASHINGTON WILL RECALL (REF A) THAT THE DIRECTOR OF ARMAMENTS AND DEFENCE RESEARCH (MUELLER) IS PREPARING AN ANALYSIS OF POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR COOPERATION IN ANTI-ARMOR FOR USE DURING THE CNAD BECAUSE OF THE ABSENCE OF SUGGESTIONS BY NATIONS ON ITEMS TO MAKE THE ANTI-ARMOR DISCUSSIONS AT THE MEETING USEFUL (REFS B AND C).

3. WE BELIEVE, AS DOES LABERGE, THAT THE MARTIN MARIETTA STUDY HAS CONSIDERABLE INFORMATION WHICH IS SUITED TO PRESENTA-

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TION AT THE CNAD. THE STUDY, WHICH PLAYS A VARIETY OF ANTI-TANK WEAPON MIXES TO DETERMINE THE CONTRIBUTION OF EACH SYSTEM WITH REGARD TO ENEMY KILLS AND THE ASSOCIATED FRIENDLY LOSSES, COULD SERVE TO START ALLIES THINKING ALONG THE LINES OF FUTURE WEAPONS MIXES AND POSSIBLE AREAS FOR COOPERATIVE FFORT. WE RECOGNIZE THAT FOR PRESENTATION TO CNAD, THE BRIEFING WOULD REQUIRE RESTRUCTURING TO REFLECT THE OFFICIAL US POSITION AND PERHAPS GENERALIZE WEAPON DESCRIPTIONS, FOR EXAMPLE, LONG RANGE DIRRECT FIRE ANTI-ARMOR WEAPONS VERSUS TOW, TO AVOID ANY ALLIED SENSITIVITIES CONCERNING SPECIFIC WEAPONS. WE ALSO SUGGEST THE BRIEFING BE PRESENTED BY A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL RATHER THAN THE CONTRACTOR.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE BY MARCH 18, 1977 ON US WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE SUBJECT BRIEFING TO THE CNAD. STREATOR

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